

# Insights

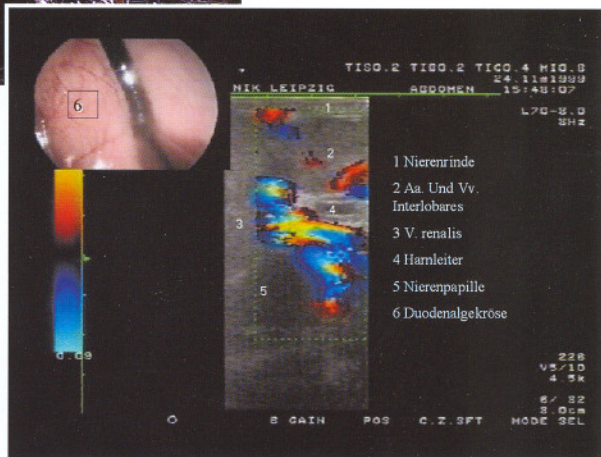
It has always been the desire of men to gain insights into the healthy and also ill body. In the plastination procedure invented and developed by Prof. Gunther von Hagens, the water of the tissue fluid is replaced with special plastics. The cell and the natural surface relief are permanently maintained in their original form, down to the microscopic range. The preparations are dry, do not smell and have a high strength allowing for

completely new forms of shaping and design. The results can for instance be seen in the latest exhibition object, the "Reiter auf springendem Pferd" (rider on jumping horse). This anatomic plastinate is the center of focus of the Berlin exhibition.

However, we do not have the opportunity to take recourse to such perfect preparations; normally, you would rather prefer to gain this insight in living objects. With horses, this is particularly difficult. The laparoscopic ultrasound examinations at the University of Leipzig are usually very expensive. Yet, it is worth it as the examiners are rewarded with rare pictures.

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Right kidney, standing horse with colour doppler